## Nablus protest on for third day

TEL AVIV. Feb. 7 (R). — Student demonstrations broke out for the third successive day in Nablus today. More out for the third successive day in Nablus today. More than 40 students were arrested there on Sunday and yesterday. Military government sources said tonight that schools in Nablus were closed and pupils had attacked Israell vehicles with stones. Soldlers dispersed demonstrators and by noon, quiet had been restored. The students were processing against the establishment of Jewish settlements. Israell security forces have arrested 45 Arab guerrillas belonging to seven different guerrilla cells in the occupied West Bank, a military spokesman said tonight. He said flose arrested were found in possession of arms, sabotage equipment and duplicating machines.

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the Palestinians point of view on the current situation in the Arab World.

King Hussein exchanges messages

with Arafat on Arab situation

BEIRUT, Feb. 7 (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein has sent a message to Palestine Liberation Organisation Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat, the Palestine News Agency Wafa reported today. The agency

said King Hussein's message was in response to a mes-

sage Mr. Arafat had sent the King IS days ago outlining

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# Beirut, east Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 7 (Agencies) Soldiers of Lebanon's fledgling new army clashed in fierce lighting with Syrian peace troops today and reliable rightwing sources said at least nine people were killed.

The sources said the fightng, mvolving weapons of all calibres, erupted when Lebanese officers objected to an at-tempt by Syrian troops to es-tablish a road block near a Lebanese army barracks in eastern Beirut's Fayadiyeb suburb

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According to the rightwing sources, the clash left seven Syrians and two Lebanese dead and triggered a similar incid-ent near the Lebanese air for-ce base of Rayak in eastern Lebanon near the border with Syria. No details from Rayak were immediately available.

### Raid on Palestinian offices

At the same time, Syrian forces raided Palestinian offices south of Beirut and arrested three guerrillas accused of the kidnap deaths of two Christians the day before.

The separate incidents, aff-

ecting both leftist and rightist parties, constituted a crackdown by Syrian peace-keepers during a recent upsurge of violence and lawlessness in postwar Lebanon.

var Lebanon. The Lebanese army regulars all of them Christians, fought an intermittent gun battle for four hours with the Syrians, who ringed the Fayadiyeb barracks north of Beirut with tanks and ceasefire . a eared to be holding at mid-

. . There was no official report on casualties but a French hospital said it was "full to the brim" with dead and wounded. Both sides also took prisoners. In Nameh, nine miles south of Beirut, the Syrians "purged the town and the area of guerrilla groups," an official peacekeeping communique said. It was one of the strongest crackdowns on the guerrillas since the war ended.

Politically, the Syrians and Palestmians have strengthened their alliance to counter President Anwar Sadat'a peace mitiative with Israel, but the two sides maintain only an uneasy

truce in Lebanon.

Officers inside the Fayadiyeh barracks said the gun battle started after the Syrians placed guards outside the gates of the army compound. "When the Syrians refused to leave, the fight started," ex-

plained a Lebanese army lieutenant. He said it was not known who opened fire first. And official statements did not

## Syrian, Lebanese commanders will impose discipline

Both the Syrian and Lebanese army commands treated the battles as a one-time fre-ak incident and promised "prompt disciplinary measures to punish those who caused the .incident."

The clash in Beirut followed yesterday's deployment of str-ong Syrian reinforcements in the war-shattered capital, which has been shaken by a rash of bomb blasts on both sides of the invisible line between the Moslem and Christian halves of the city.

Defence Minister Found Butros issued a statement regretting the incident.

'I am confident that the (mi--- litary) commands concerned will take the necessary measures to prevent any repercussions ... " Mr. Butros said in his statement. He added he hoped that harmony would be restored soon.

The Fayadiyeh fighting erupted in the eastern part of the city where signs of popular disenchantment with the Syrians have been increasingly noticeable over the past six or

Lebanon's rightwing militias, composed mainly of Christians. were saved from military collause by Syria switching sup-port from the left in the later stages of the war. In rightist eyes, the war was caused by the presence of foreigners on

"We are grateful-for the Sy-

Lebanese soil -- Palestinian cohis respects.

rians to have stopped the bloodshed," said an official of the rightwing National Liberal Party today. "But the Syrians

tical presence." He added that people who used to resent having to show their identity cards to Palestinians -- foreigners -- now resented checks by other foreigners -- Syrians,

have now transformed their

physical presence into a poli-

The Fayadiyeb fighting was tha first major known clash between Syrian troops and elements of the new Lebanese army now being formed by men who, played no prominent role in any of the rival army splinter groups which emerged during the war.

### ISRAEL OCCUPIES SOUTH LEBANON VILLAGE

BEIRUT, Feb. 7 (R). - The Palestine news agency (Wafa) said tonight Israell forces yesterday occupied the area of Ain Yaroun, which It described as the source of water for the lands of the village of Yaroun, in south Lebanon.

Wafa said that following an intensive barrage of artillery fire, Israell forces took up po-sitions in a large area of land stationading the village as Le-banese rightist forces entered Yaroun itself.

The Palestinian agency added that since this morning, Israell troops have been fencing off the village with barbed wire se as to prevent civilians from leaving or entering.

## Lebanese army clashes Soviet reinforcements on the way as with Syrian forces in Ethiopia scores gains in Ogaden war

pian troops, supported by Cu-ba and the Soviet Union, have pushed Somalı forces from areas round the strategic mountain city of Harar and back thair border across the Ogaden Desart, accurding to Addis Ababa Radio.

The new offensive -- described by officials in the Ethiopian capital as "concerted action ... to drive the Somalis out of our territory" -- coincided with reports from Western diplomatic sources in Mo-gadishu, the Somali capital, that Soviet troopships carrying thousands of Cuban reinforcements to Ethiopia were on their way to Ethiopia's Red Sea port of Assab.

The sources said the ships would dock soon and the troops would be deployed within the next few weeks of the latest flare-up in the six-month Ogađen Desert war, where the military initiative was now wi-

th Ethiopia Informed sources in Mogadishu said recent heavy bombing and shelling of Somall positions was seen as a prelude to a big ground offensive. But Ethiopia's acting Information Minister Baalu Girma told reporters in Addis Ababa today: The world is speculating that we want to go beyond

our borders, but this is not tr-

ue. All we want is to drive

the Somalis out of our territ-

We have to settle this qu-

estion nace and for all." An information officer of the country's military council to-ld reporters military gains had been made round the mountain citadel of Harar, keystone strongbold on Ethiopia's east-

ern front. Diplomatic sources in the Somali capital estimate that 3.000 to 6,000 Cubans are on their way to Ethiopia to join the 3,000 Cubans and 1,500

gence reports to be already there, though this has not been confirmed by Ethiopia.

One Ethiopian spokesman in Rome said today the Soviet Union and Cuba bad sent only about 100 military advisers and doctors to help and their aid had not exceeded \$1 million.

"We do not need the troops of the Soviet Union or Cuba, Maj. Girma Neway, Chairman of the Ethiopian Revolution Information Centre in Italy told a news conference. "We only get medical and technical assistance." But he added Ethiopia had reliable information that Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iran were air-lifting well over 7,000 troops to help the So-

Ethiopia, which appears reluctant to call this latest push nn its eastern froot a counteroffensive, emphasises its defensive nature, though only made possible by large quantities of newly supplied Societ arms.

Big Russian transports, from an air fleet of more than 200. as well as dozens of Soviet and East European ships, have delivered supplies to Ethiopia in

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's confirmation last night of reports that his country was supplying arms to Ethiopia came as a surprise

in some quarters. One official of the Israeli Foreign Ministry stressed the sales were on a small scale and consisted mainly of ammuoi-tion.d omestic and first aid equipment.

Some foreigo news reports had said Israeli shipmoots included anti-taok, and anti-aircraft missiles, cluster bombs and napalm,

Mr. Davan 10ld an Israeli radio reporter in Zurich the de-cision had been based on Ethiopia's strategic position along the vital Red Sea shipping route to Israel.

But one official of his ministry said in Jerusalem today that because some states which supported Ethiopia were acti-Israel, any arms aid by Israel might well he a political risk-but this was felt to he justi-

## Syria holds referendum on new term for Assad

DAM. ASCUS, Feb. 7 (R). - Over four million Syrians vote tomorrow in what is expected to be a near unanimous endorsement for President Hafez Assad's nomination for a second

The People's Council (parliament) last month unanimously approved the uncontested nomination made by the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party leadership.

President Assad's present term ends on March 13 this year and the Peoples Council has approved a referendum on a new

Rallies and processions have been staged in support of President Assad, the first Syrian president since independence 35 years ago to complete seven continuous years in office.

## **Qatar** warns "oil weapon" may be used talks fail

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Feb. 7 (AP). - The Arabs will not besitate to use the "oil weapon" against the West if the current efforts for a Middle East settlement collapse, Qatar's oil minister said in a newspaper interview

The warning contrasted with a declaration last month by the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Fahd, that oll will never again be used against the West.

The Arabs will resort to the oil weapon, if they become convinced that the peace efforts have reached a deadend. The United States will have to play its big role now and to pressure Israel to end its intransigence," Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Khalifa told the Beirut conser-

vativa daily Al Anwar.
He said Israel will have to evacuate all Arab lands seized during the 1967 Middle East war, including Arab Jerusalem. "Jerusalem is an Arab city.

It will remain Arab. And we will never budge from this position," Sheikh Abdul Aziz in-

He said that his father, the ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa. Ibn Hamad Al Thani, has urged West Germany, France and the United States to discontinue arms shipments to Israel.

"The oil weapon entered the 1973 war and was proved effective. I believe the United States can calculate the strength and effectiveness of that weapon. We will not hesitate to use the oil weapon again, if necessary," the minister added.

### **GUSH EMUNIM** BID FOILED

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 7 (R). - Israell troops bave forcibly removed a group of ultra nationalist settlers wbo strayed from the perimeter of the ancient site of Shiloh on the occupied West Bank which they said they were excava-

ting.
Defence Minister Ezer Weizman told a group of Knesset members that the aettlers -members of the Gush Emunim (Faith Bloc) -- had tried to establish a settlement outside Shiloh, some 25 kms. of Jerusalem.

## PCC WILL MEET IN DAMASCUS

DAMASCUS, Feb. 7 (R), -Palestinian leaders will meet in Damascus next Sunday to decide on a date and venue for the 14th session of the Palestinian National Council (parliament-in-exile).

This was announced here yesterday by Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum. Speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC), wbo convened the Sunday meeting of the Paiestine Central Council (PCC).

Mr. Fahoum's announcement followed a report by the Libyan Jamahiriyah News Agency that the Palestinian leadersbip had already decided to bold the PNC meeting in the Libyan Jamahiriyah in March.

The PCC, which acts as liaison between the PNC and the Palestine Liberation Organisation's Executive Committee, will discuss closer coordination with hard-line Arab states and the Soviet Union and other Eastern Bloc countries, Mr. Fa-

## Assad to visit USSR; Khaddam briefs Kuwait

DAMASCUS, Feb. 7 (R). -Syrian President Hafez Assad will make an official visit to the Soviet Union during the second half of this month, official sources said here today. Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam arrived in Kuwait today to brief its ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah on the outcome of the Algiers Summit meeting of Arab states opposed to the peace initiative of Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

## Sadat asks Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (R). — President Anwar Sadat today went to Congress, where he was welcomed as "a man of peace," to make a strong appeal for American arms.

them."

He made it clear to members of Congress that his appeal for U.S. arms would not Stop with his request for F-5E aircraft, which is now being considered by the Carter adminis-

The Egyptian leader told reporters after a closed door meeting with members of the House International Relations Committee and congressional leaders that he would not be shy about asking for American military equipment. Last time I was shy. I am

not shy any more," said President Sadat, who told reporters that he had given a detailed report on Middle East developments to the legislators, his first since he met members of Congress in April last year.

Speaker Thomas O'Neill told reporters after the meeting that President Sadat had made "a real appeal for "a note of bitter discouragem-

Mr. O Nell said he detected ent and disappointment and concern" on the part of President Sadat, apparently over the pace of the peace drive. Democratic representative

Stephen Solarz of New York told reporters President Sadat had pointed out that in the past he had asked for the F-5Es but had described the aircraft as a 10th rate plane. The Egyptian leader said today that he was now going to ask for any equipment be needed, Mr. Solarz added.

Mr. Solarz said Mr. Sadat did not mention the highly sophisticated F-15 fighters which Saudi Arabia wants to buy from the United States. But he said Mr. Sadat obviously wanted more sopbisticated aircraft than

President Sadat was warmly greeted when he met members of the House International Relations Committee this morn-

President Sadat's meeting with the members of Congress lasted about two hours then he went straight into a meeting with members of the Senate led by the Foreign Relations Committee.

In brief remarks to reporters President Sadat said he was happy with the warmth of his reception. When asked for his reaction if Congress did not approve his request for American arms, he joked: "If they don't approve I think I can say as a friend I shall raise hell for

Under the law, Congress can veto any foreign arms sale valued at more than \$25 million. Mr. Solarz, a member of the International Relations Committee and a strong supporter of Israel, said Mr. Sadat had said he wanted the U.S. military equipment, not to attack Israel, but because he was sur-

rounded by unfriendly countries. He said Mr. Sadat expressed particular concern about Soviet influence in Libya and Eth-

He added that Congress' response to Mr. Sadat's request for military equipment would depend on its assessment of the chances of a Middle East peace. He said that even the supply of the relatively unsophisticated F-5 war planes would cross the barrier between non-lethal and lethal equipmeni and could produce problems in Congress.

Israel Foreign Minister Mo-she Dayan, meanwhile, was on his way to the United States, via Montreal because of bad weather in New York, for a 10 day visit to the United States designed to counter Mr. Sadat's depiction of Israel as intransigent.

### **ITALIAN** COMMUNISTS DROP DEMAND FOR CABINET **POSTS**

ROME, Feb. 7 (R). - The Italian Communist Party tonight dropped its insistence on cabinet posts in an emergency government and said it was ready to join a parliamentary majority suppor-

ting a new government.
Party Secretary Enrico
Belinguer made the statement after a meeting lasting nearly two hours with Christian Democratic Prime Minister-designate Glullo Andreottl

## Peres, Sadat visits to W. Germany will coincide

BONN, WEST GERMANY, Feh. 7 (AP). - The leader of Israel's opposition party and Pre-sident Anwar Sadat will be in West Germany at the same time, but a meeting between the two is unlikely, political sources sald today.

A spokeswoman for the Social Democratic Party said Shimon Peres, Chairman of the Israeli Labour Party and Israel's former defence minister, will travel to Hamburg on Wednesday for a meeting later this week of the Socialist International.

Mr. Sadat is expected to arrive in Hamburg on Thursday to brief Chancellor Helmut Schmidt on his meeting with President Carter and to drum up support for Cairo's position in Middle East peace talks. In an interview with a West

German newspaper, Peres said a peace agreement with Egypt and Jordan was atill possible Mr. Peres, whose party has left open the possibility of returning occupied Arab lands as

part of an overall peace settlement, opposed establishment of new Israeli settlements in the Sinai or the West Bank. 'Negotiations over the pre-

sent settlements are already underway," he sald. "I think that this problem can be sol-

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## Israel dispenses summary injustice to Arab students under occupation

The first part of this article is a follow-up on a report published on page 2 of yesterday's paper by the U.S. based Palestine Human Rights Campaign on the case of Sami Esmail, a U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin.

This is the second of a regular series of such articles, notices and updates that the Jordan Times will be publishing to publicise Israeli violations of the buman rights of Arabs living under Israeli occupation.

By a Jordan Times Special Correspondent

Recent weeks have seen the continued mistreatment of young Palestinians by the Israe-li occupying authorities. Two incidents in particular have made the international news media. The Jordan Times recently visited with reliable sources trying to determine the facts of the two cases.

The first case occurred on December 21, 1977 at Lydda airport. The person involved was Sami Ali Esmail, a Palestinian-American from mallah. The second case occurred on January 5,1978 in Ramallah at the premises of the military governor. The two young men involved, Khaled Mohammad Abd Rabboh and Mohammad Shteyyeh, are both students at Bir Zeit University

in Bir Zeit. Mr. Esmail, a graduate student in electronic engineering at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan, arrived at Lydda airport on bis way to Ramallah to see his dying father, Ali Esmail, He had been a teaching assistant and is about ten credits from completing his M.S. degree. Mr. Esmail never got to see his father because he was taken by police in the airport and put into custody. He has been accused of being a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, meeting a foreign agent, spreading Hadaf (a PFLP newspaper) in the United

States, and belving to collect money for the PFLP in the U.S. When Mr. Esmail was fin-ally allowed to see father, it was at his father's funeral and under heavy guard. He went to Birch, the twin town of Ramallah, 15 kms, north of Jerusalem, for two hours to pay

Mr. Esmail was held in solitary confinement for the firchigan State University and a member of the National Lawvers Guild in the U.S. are coming to the trial as observers.

It is believed that Mr. Esmail was able to attend the funeral of his father only througb the efforts of his lawyer Felicia Langer.

The second case involved the physical beating of both Khaled Mohammad Abd Rabboh and Mohammad Shteyyeh from 8 p.m. until 12 p.m. on January 5. Although there are many similar experiences which can be related by young Palestinian men, this instance is perhaps unique in that three foreign professors from Bir Zeit University, Dr. Bob Atkins, Dr. Sykes and Mr. Jim Auly saw the students go into the office of the military governor at Ramallah, waited outside, and saw them leave four hours later.

## SRAEL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Esmail had visited Ramallah last in 1975, and had been a student at Friends Boys School there, the Quaker school established by missionaries in 1878. Recently he had travelled to Libya and Tunisia as a part of an organised tour from the United States, for a period

st 22 days in a prison in Potah

Tikvah and was later transfe-

rred to Kefar Yona. His family

haa been allowed to visit him

aeveral times there, it is belie-

ved that he was transferred to

the aecond prison because of

pressure from the U.S. Depart-

ment of State. They have, app-

arently, all the information ab-

out his treatment since he has

been in custody. A part of his treatment at the handa of the

security police has been a for-

ced confession that he was a

member of the PFLP.

of about two weeks. Mr. Esmail's case has received considerable attention abroad, and in fact 15 chapters of the National Committee to Defend the Human Rights of Sami Esmail have been formed in the United States. One chapter has been formed in Kuwait as well. His defence is being handled by Felicia Langer and in the United States Abdeen Jabara, an Arab-American lawyer in Detroit, has been retained for counsel. Some of the accusations by the authorities are alleged to have taken place in the United States, Mr. Esmail is to come to trial on

the fourteenth of February.

One of his professors from Mi-

The students had obeyed a summons originally, to report to the military governors office, apparently in connection with a stone-throwing incident in Bir Zeit during Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. Their fathers were kept waiting outside during the four hour period. At one points, sources told the Jordan Times, the silhouettes of someone receiving and someone giving blows was seen through a frosted glass panel wbile a door was open for a short time. When the two young men emerged they were physically broken, Mr. Abd Rabboh was immediately hospitalised on doctors orders, while Mr. Shteyyeh was hopitalised the next day. Both men received severe bea-tings on their shoulders and buttocks for periods of half an hour at a time. Mr. Abd Rabboh reported in a story by Associated Press that he at one point was beaten while lying on the ground with several soldiers st-

anding on him. Mr. Shteyyeh

proven just what the five students had done. estigation into the incident.

Since the incident, Bir Zeit University has lodged a formal protest as did International Red Cross. The foreign faculty members sent a letter of protest to editors of newspapers abroad and locally. Presently the students, on legal advice, are suing the occupying authorities. The authorities themselves are conducting their own inv-The Jordan Times was told that the incident at Ramallah

is not at all unique, but that due to the fact that foreigners observed a part of it including hearing the sounds of interrogation, and observed the before and after condition of the men, it has received unusually wide

### and that she would not tell anyone if he would only tell her what they wanted to know. In a telephone interview with Dean Baramki of Bir Zeit University, the military gove-SUNDAY rnor of Ramallab district denied that the men were beaten severely and they had in fact

after the incident. The fathers of Mr. Abd Rab-boh and Mr. Shteyyeh were threatened with finea of 2,000 lira if their sons demonstrated again. The Jordan Times was told that this tactic is an often used one, fathers of the accused are often made to appear with their sons or threatened with fines in an effort to put fear

reported that after a period of beating he was left alone with

a female soldier and was told

by her that he was handsome

left in good health. This inter-

view took place about one day

into anyone opposed to the occupying forces in Palestine. The Jordan Times was also told that it is not unusual for one or more students to be summoned to the military govemor in Ramallah each week. In a recent incident, soldiers came onto the campus at Bir Zeit University, went to the cafeteria and took five students to the military governor in Ramallah. They asked for the fathers as well, and then threatened the fathers with fines if their sona demonstrated again, even though it was not

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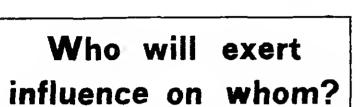
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The United States, and particularly the Carter administration, finds itself, in a rather difficult dilemma with regards Middle East states' requests for American arms. Nobody believes that selling arms is based on anything more or less than a country's studied self-interest and its global strategic dictates, and it would be naive to expect the Americans t base their latest arms sales decisions on anything other than this. But given simultaneous requests for sophisticated American arms from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Egypt and Israel, it is interesting to see how the domestic pressures of the pro-Israel lobby in the United States may force the Carter administration to make arms sales decisions based on the dictates of Israeli, not American, self-interest and strategic considerations.

The most glaring example of this is the Saudi Arabian request to buy 60 F-15 Eagle fighter-bombers, which the Carter people had approved. Two weeks ago, however, a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee circulated a letter to the U.S. secretary of state in which it said the sale of the F-15s to the Saudis would be against Israel's interest. In other words, the Senate committee was threatening to veto the F-15 deal if the administration proposed it formally (incidentally, students of the art of blackmail may have some fresh material to ponder

It is difficult to find a country in the world today that is strategically more important to the United States than Saudi Arabia, or one that is emotionally and politically more atuned to Washington's global vision. Furthermore; the Saudi Arabians have placed a great deal of symbolism in the F-15 deal, seeing it as a sign of American friendship and political commitment. It is therefore doubly worrying that such a fundamental U.S. foreign policy objective as strengthening relations with such an important country as Saudi Arabia could be subjected to the pro-Israel forces in the Congress in such a humiliating way. One thinks that it is perhaps too much to expect the Americans to lean on the Israelis in view of such spectacles as this obvious and embarrassing Israeli leaning on the Americans.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I, on Tuesday, said it seems that Israel cares no more whether peace will come to this area of the world or disaster and that, after it succeeded in limiting the American role to one of go-between. Hence, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan declared that Israel does not consider ending the settlements policy even if the U.S. may look at that as a negative element in the current peace efforts. President Sadat's initiative took a beating in his talks with President Carter. With Israel's intransigence in mind it is a wonder anyone still has hope for the proposed resumption of the talks of the Joint Egyptian-Israeli Political Committee.

AL DUSTOUR said the only real result of the Sadat-Carter talks has been the Arab notification of the American stand: No self-determination for Palestinians; no full Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and no U.S. pressure on Israel. America's attitude was never as clear and dry as it is now and it hits those who never did squarely in the face. The U.S. has accorded the Arabs a great service for now they all know what the truth in Washington is. The Arabs must now tell America, in action. that their fate is in their hands and that they will never submit.

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## Alia seeks major route expansion says Ghandour



His Majesty King Husseln, flanked by period government officials listens to the presentation by Alia Charman Ali Ghandour on the airline's development in Amman on Tuesday. (JNA photo)

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA). — Alia The Royal Jordanian Airline hopes this year to negotiate air transport agreements with the Ivory Coast, Japan, The Philippines, Libya, Australia, Canada, Argentina, India, Tha-iland and Indonesia.

If surrealist works and some

symbolical compositions. With both, the danger is that the

artist does not pursue his or-iginal idea to the stage of pro-ducing a satisfying picture. The two doves in the picture

of that name are attractive and

funny but they are decorative

motifs, not a complete picture,

-- despite the vague bits and

which are totally successful.

This was announced here today by Alia's chairman of board of directors Mr. Ali Ghandour during a two hour presentation on the airline's development programme to His Ma-jesty King Hussein, Premier Mudar Badran and top govern. ment officials,

ment officials.

Explaining Alia's plans for the future, Mr. Ghandour said the corporation will acquire new aircraft to replace the existing ones in the 1980's, and nims at annual profit of 12

to 15 per cent.

Last year's net profit was
JD 200,000 and Alia's assets
were estimated at JD 63 million, sald Mr. Ghandour, Among the problems Alla is

facing, Mr. Ghandour said we-re the rising prices of fuel, restrictions on the remittance of funds, and fluctuations of we-

rld currencies.

The meeting was attended by the chief of the royal court, the commander in chief of the armed forces, the cabinet, Ali-a's Board of Directors, senior staff of the airline and other

AMMAN, Feb. 8 (JT). - The British company reported by the Jordan News Agency yes-terday to have Won a contract for the supply of mobile tele-phone exchanges was Identified by British commercial sources today as Plessey Ltd. The same company is also bidding on oster paint is clean and fresh. supply of other telecommunic-The exhibition will run until atlons equipment to Jordan, the 

### powerful imagination of Glimpses artist's exhibition young seen

By Ian Kellas Special to the Jordan Times

Prince Hassan

presides

over science

meeting

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA). -

His Highness Crown Prince

Hassan today presided over

the preparatory committee meeting of the Science and

Technology Policy Conferen-

ce which will begin here on Feb. 18. The committee re-

viewed the conference wor-

king papers and arrangements for its success.

Prince Hassan expressed

the hope that the results of

the meeting would help bring about the necessary coordination between gover-nment departments and cor-

porations concerning pursu-

ance of subjects to be dis-

cussed at future symposiums

entry tickets from the British Council.

WHAT'S GOING ON

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"In the name of the Merciful God Most Beneficent, Most Gracious", is the title of one of Badi Twait's most successful works on show this week at the Goethe Institute,
It lacks the intricacy and flourish of traditional Islamic

calligraphy but if you look at it hard enough, you can make out the ancient text.

In other works, though, the Islamic element is less easy to Identify despite the fact that this is supposedly an exhibi-tion of paintings and Islamic ornament Certain symbols certainly

recur .. like the round of the mosque dome -- but the artist is trying to go a bit further than this. The flatness, the elaborate repetition of design and the network of lines are all features of Islamic art and Badi Twait relies on them a good deal. But the end result is not so very different from the familiar optical art of the

Some of his linear patterns painstakingly executed no doubt with compass and rapidograph. are as uninspiring as their na-



One of the paintings by Badi Twalt on display at the Goethe Institute in Amman.

mes : Optical Formation No. a star which really seems to 1. Optical Formation No. 2. etc. But there is one at least that is excellent. You find yourself swept down a hexagonal tunnel, paved all around Apart from the abstract pat-ir red and black tiles, towards terms-there are a number of ha-

emit light. The whole thing is remarkably involving and shows the artist's skill to best advan-

pieces floating about them. The Matisse-type hands and the olive branch in "Our Civilisa-tion" are excellent, but Petra is an uncomfortable adjunct to the composition.

If there are few pictures

there are nevertheless good features to the exhibition. Badi Twait at times shows evidence of quite a powerful imagination -- best illustrated in the refreshingly free-style picture ca-lled Fire, And his handling of poster paint is clean and fresh.

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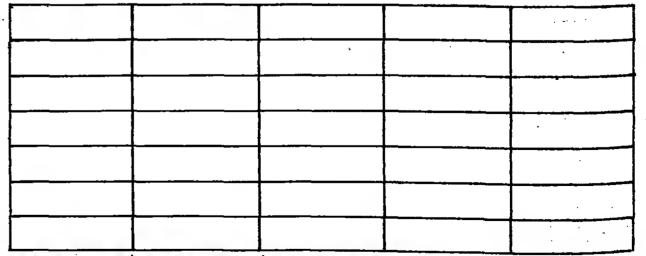
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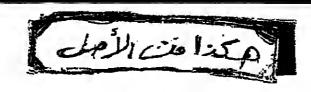
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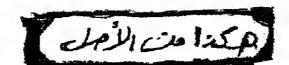
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## National News Roundup

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AMMAN, Feb. 7 (INA). — The first anniversary of the death of Queen Alya will be observed on Thursday Feb. 9, 1978. Prayers or her soul will be read in places of worship throughout the Kingdom in the evening a memorial religious ceremony will take place in the Royal Raghdan palace and be concluded with read-

Representatives of official and popular organisations will vist the tomb of the late Oseen to lay wreaths and read the Fati-

These will include members of the royal family and officials of the Royal Hashemite Court; the prime minister and cabinet nembers; the speaker and members of the Upper House; the commander in Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces and top-raking army officers, the directors of public security and intellience and top officers of the two departments; the Chief Justice land Islamic religious heads; the Christian religious leaders; replaced esentatives of the welfare societies over which the late Queen resided, and friends of the late Queen.

### Notice to telephone subscribers

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### Cooperation between Jordan and Australia discussed

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA). - Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali today discussed with the Australian charge d'affaires in Damascus ways and means of promoting cultural cooperation between Jordan and Australia. Meanwhile, the president of the Australian Trade Unions will begin a visit to Jordan on Feb. 21. During bis two-day stay he will meet with the Jordanian officials concerned with the aim of strengthenlog labour cooperation between the

## New measures to guarantee quality

### of agricultural produce

AMMAN, Feb. 7 (JNA). - The Ministry of Supply, in cooperation with the concerned departments, is working out new measures to guarantee the good quality of Jordanian agricultural products which are meant for local consumption or for export to Arah and foreign markets. Minister of Supply Marwan Al Qassem indicated that some farmers resort to deception when packing agricultural products. They place bad stocks underneath good ones which compels the seller to raise the prices of these products in order to offset the losses from damaged produce. The Ministry of Supply bas also agreed with Romanian firms to provide Jordan with two plane loads of yeal a week with effect from the middle of February. The meat will be sold at a reasonable price in the ministry's meat distribution centres, Mr. Al Qassem reported today.

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## A European team is favoured to win the soccer World Cup

A European team has never yet won a world soccer cup played in South America. This year it could be different. A sports writer sums up the chances of the sixteen qualifying countries for the Argentina finals.

pean champions.

best performance so far by a

non-South American team in

Cup qualifiers the Czechs ba-

ve had to contend with the

Scots, and in these years it

is arguable that Scotland has

fielded its best international

teams ever. Four years ago Scotland was the only team

not to lose a single match in

the West German finals. Last

year Scotland beat England

more decisively than did Italy.

This must give the Scots a

South Americans look ragged

cans this year?
None of them have looked like potential World Cup win-

ners. Even Brazil have been

unimpressive, struggling to beat Paraguay in the qualify-

The Argentinian side, auto-

maric qualifiers as hosts, has

looked ragged, and did badly egainst a number of touring

European teams last year. Th-

ey will get fanatical support

(and no doubt the easiest dr-

aw), and the home side has

nearly always done well in the

World Cup. But they are not

Peru is dismissed, even by

playing like winners.

What of the South Ameri-

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a Latio American final.

### my Barry Wilson

LONDON - The soccer World Cup finals have been held four times in Latin America and each time a Latio American country won (Brazil twice Uruguay twice). This year in Argentina it could be differ-

First, a quick look at all the qualiflers.

Exactly half of the 16 qualifying countries are from Western Europe -- West Germany. Italy, Holland, Spain, France, Scotland, Austria and Sweden.

Two are from Eastern Europe - · Poland and Hungary. Four are from Latin America - Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Peru; end the other two are Iran and Tunisia.

### Missing teams

The big difference between this year's finals and those in Germany in 1974 is the dropout of Eastern European teams. Four years ago there were five: East Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania and Yugos-

Indeed eight countries whi-ch made the last finals will be missing in Argentina: Austra-lia, Haiti, Uruguay, Zaire and the four Eastern European teams mentioned above. The two most famous nam-

es missing from both the last two World Cup finals are England and Czechoslovakia. England can now be said to have been desperately unlucky. Never before have two past winners of the cup had to play off in the same qualifying gr-

Last year England lost the tussle with Italy, on goal difference, alone, and Italy goes to Argentina one of the fav-

Four years ago England were put out by unsung Poland. The Poles subsequently went on to finish third in West Germany, beating Brazil in the play-off for third place, and only very narrowly losing to West Germany in the semi finals. The England team has come in for a lot of stick in recent years, but they have obviously, not been lucky in the cup draw.

The other unlucky team is

last time) only just scraped in this time ahead of Canada and the United States (all three finished with the same number of points). Czechoslovakia, reigning Euro-

Mexico (eliminated by Haiti

This year's main "also-rana" are Tunisia and Iran. Tunisia, against nearly all expectations, beat Egypt and Nigeria in the Czechoslovakia reached the World Cup final in 1962 in African zone final. Iran, a mo-Chile (losing to Brazil) -- the re serious contender, very easily won the Asian zone, and they could produce a surprise But in the last two World or two.

### European cup But, on paper at least, this

year it looks like a European team for the cup. Either of the Eastern European teams could win without shocking the critics. Poland

has gone on from its 1974 triumph, and qualified easily this time, and is having a very ca-reful preparation. Hungary, af-ter its triumphs in the 1950s, has been in the doldrums. The Hungarians are not hitting the headlines, but they now bave an excellent mature, experien-ced side which has seemed to get steadily btter in the last

The West Germans are probably favourites to retain the cup. They have the best international record of any country, including Brazil, over the past ten years. But they may row be in something of a decline. Nearly all the stars of the last World Cup have now gone, and aignificantly, the best German club team of the past decade, Bayern Munich, is nearly bottom of the Ger-

man league.
The same sort of thing has happened to Holland. It is on-

Holland has had any success at all in international soccer. So successful were Dutch national and club teams in the early 1970's that the team was a strong favourite to do well in the 1974 World Cup, and it did very well, of course, los-

ing only in the final. The Dutch team was very individualistic, and Johan Cruyff will not be playing in

Argentina. The Dutch won their qualifying group easily although some close games they won could have gone the other way. It will be a great surprise to most critics if the Dutch do as well this year as in

The two surprise European qualifiers are France and Austria. Rugby-playing France basn't played in the World Cup finals for 12 years. It has never been an outstanding soccer playing country. It narrowly beat Bulgaria and Ireland to qualify. The Frenchmen, although keen, are not expected to cause any surpri-

ses in Argentina. It is 20 years since Austria played in the last round of a World Cup. Before the Second World War Austria had probably the top side in Euro-pe. But football has not gone commercial in Austria and today the national team is made up of semi-professionals and players playing for foreign cl-

ubs, mainly in Germany.

Austria won maybe the most competitive qualifying group, with first Turkey and then East Germany favoured to come through. But it is not expected to do well in Argentina.



One of the most successful German handball players in 1977 was Helner Brand, who scored 25 goals for the na-tional side. The German team have really prepared well for the men's world indoor handball championships beginning soon in Denmark Since Germany finished up fourth at the Montreal Olympic Games' handball tournament, there has been a definite improvement in performance. Of 18 internationals, up till the end of 1977. 11 were won, three finished as draws and four were lost. The climax of this successful series were the two most recent internationals against Poland, the 1976 bronze medallists. (INP photo)









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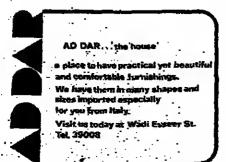


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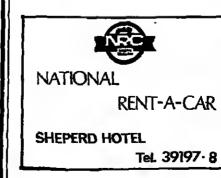












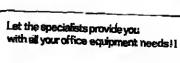












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## French franc improves as premier is ordered to act against fall

PARIS, Feb. 7 (R). — The French franc recovered against the dollar and the major European currencies here today, reversing a trend provoked by pre-election jitters last week. Dealers quoted the French currency at around 4.92 francs to the dollar against its opening rate of 4.94. They said the recovery was due mainly to profit taking encouraged by a feeling that the franc had fallen too far.

It also gained against the German mark (quoted at 2.33 francs per mark against the previous 2.35), the Swiss franc (2.51 against 2.52) and the pound sterling (9.53 against 9.56).

French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing announced today he had given Premier Raymond Barre orders to "use all necessary technical means"

to stop the slide of the French victory in national elections next month, has been sliding franc. steadily against the U.S. dol-West German Chancellor Hel-mut Schmidt after two days lar and European currencies such as the German mark, the Swiss franc and the British of summit talks, the 31st such pound for the past week.
Informed sources said that Franco-German session since 1963. Mr. Giscard d'Estaing gave no immediate details whthe attack on the franc began last Wednesday, late in the Paris trading day, with "large at measures might be taken. The franc, undermined hy fears of a socialist-communist

selling orders from New York."

They attributed the move to

Dealers said big French fir-

ms were heavy sellers, Unlo-ading francs to be ready for

the economic dangers that wo-

uld confront France under co-

The Communist Party meanwhile promised that within we-

eks of a government of the

left assuming power it would insist on legislation on its na-

tionalisation programme going

before parliament to be follow-

ed by immediate enactment.

mmunist and socialist rule.

reports that Socialist Leader Francois Mitterrand said a le-Yamani stresses ftist victory could lead quickly to constitutional conflict with Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, whose term runs through 1981. Mr. Mitterrand later said the stadetermination to develop tement had been over-dramatically interpreted but conceded there could be problems. Yesterday the communist party demanded a speedy state capability take-over of banking, finance and key industries if the left wins next month's general eltechnological

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 7 (R). — Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, yesterday stressed his country's determination to develop its technological and scientific capabilities.

Opening an international seminar here on the development of mineral resources in Al Dir'i Alarabi, central Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Yamani said his country realised that oil was a wealth that could be depleted and till in determined to develop its technologic could be depleted and "it is determined to develop its technological and scientific capabilities.

Sheikh Yamani also said that Saudi Arabia was aware of its responsibilities towards development and reconstruction both on its territory and that of friendly states and countries in the area. The seminar, organised by King University in Jeddah, is being attended by about 300 experts from some 20 countries.

## Egypt to invest in scientific research

out \$79 million) in scientific research during the next five years, the official Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

Under the five-year plan, for peaceful purposes.

CAIRO, Feb. 7 (R). — Egypt the Egyptian Scientific Reseavill invest £52,6 million (about \$79 million) in scientific contracts concluded with foreign research organisations and centres to solve agricultural and industrial problems, and the use of atomic energy

## Foreign investment U.S. is on the upswing

WASHINGTON, (Agencies). — The drop in the dollar's international rating should normally lead to a jump in direct investment in the United States from abroad, particularly from countries with strong currencies.

West German and Japanese purchases of U.S. firms and their setting up of subsidiaries have been on the increase in

the past few years.

The total for 1976 was more than \$2.1 billion in value and though last year's figure is still awaited, some big operations took place during 1977.

## Big purchases

Unilever bought National Starch for \$482 million, Baye bought Miles Laboratories for \$261 million and Nestle bought Alcon Laboratories for \$275 million, to mention a few trans-

As 1978 gets under way Thyssen bas offered \$275 million for the Budd Company. French Moulinex plans a factory in North Carolina and Pirelli International has purchased the electric cable side of General Cable for \$60 million

There are several reasons for this type of venture: The U.S. seems to be emerging from the recession relatively fast, U.S. lahour costs are now similar to those elsewhere in the industrial world, and some firms see U.S. investment as a bedge against political and economic uncertainty in their own coun-

try.

The dollar's decline and the drop on Wall Street are two additional reasons for moving into this country, where investing is less costly than a year or two ago.

The depreciation of the dollar is a significant factor in the case of firms in hard currency countries. A West German company, for example, pays only 213 million marks today instead of 235 million marks a year ago for an investment valued at \$100 million here.

The Wall Street fall is a more general factor. The stock exchange rating, in other words the cost, of many American companies is the lowest for more than two years.

## Helps payments account

Increased investment in this country by outside firms has the blessing of the U.S. administration which sees this as helping the payments account and, in the case of a new plant, as stimulating husiness growth.

The number of American businesses under foreign control is

still very low and there is no chance of a major industrial sector being dominated hy outside interests. James Fitzmorris, Governor of Louisiana, has said that in the past decade 10 per cent of his state's growth is due to

State authorities take the view that foreign money means expansion and they compete quite fiercely to attract outside in-

## Interstate competition

Ohio and Pennsylvania were in rivalry when Volkswagen decided to set up assembly facilities in the U.S. Pennsylvania won by offering good tax terms. West German companies are wooed with particular vigour in view of the high-flying Deutschemark and West Germany's

overall industrial might.

Several states and regional authorities have permanent teams in West Germany to lure firms to the U.S.

In the past three years more West German investment has entered the United States than vice versa. This is a new trend since World War II.

# **OPEC** anxiously watches

ABU DHAR, Feb. 7 (R). — United Arab Emirates (UAE) OH Minister Mans Said Al Otofia said here yesterday that the world's major off exporters were surfacely watching the down-ward side of the dollar. The official Emirates News Agency quoted him as saying in a following interview that oil exporters "are watching the situation of the dollar and trying to assess the losses they suffered as a result of its fluctuating value."

The decine of the dollar was affecting the purchasing power the state of the dollar was affecting the purchasing power of the state of the following the fluctuations. From the state of the member-states of the Organisation of Petrolaum Export-ing Connecting (OPEC), Dr. Oreiba said.

OFEC ministers, who mit in Venezuela in December, inst-racted the organisation's Economic Commission to closely watch the movement of the dollar, he said. OFFC states there years ago planned to price oil on the ba-sis of the SDR, he said. But the UAE opposes it. "They (OFFC) would have lost about two billion dollars had they implemen-ted their plan," he added.

# Iraq accuses Syria holding imports

BAGHDAD, Feb. 7 (R). - Iraq yesterday accused Syria of holding up 80,000 tons of its imports of food and building materials at the Syrian-Turkish border township of Nasibin.

The government newspaper Al Jumhouriya said Syria was stopping the East German goods -- in 80 railway wagons at Nasibin - - from crossing into Iraq.

Syria was reacting to an Iraqi decision to stop bringing its imports through Syrian and Lebanese ports, according to official Iraqi sources quoted by the news-

Iraq bas been transporting goods through Turkey. bypassing Syrian ports, since Jan. 25, the sources said. It claimed that Syria had been trying to confiscate Iraqi goods at Syrian ports and pillaging those at Lebanese ports, the sources said.

Economic news focus

Britain 1978: Better fed but shabbier

seems more likely than it was

this year at EEC cereal prices,

which in fact strongly influ-ence prices for a wide range

of animal products as well as

other human foodstuffs. He

claims growing support for his

policy of price restraint in other EEC capitals as well as

inside the commission itself.

U.K. shoppers have much to

Textila industry

Turning to the clothing and

footwear industries, however, the outlook is more complex. Both have vociferous U.K. lo-

bbies, with jobs as well as

prices to consider.
The textile industry has ju-

st joined with its conferees in

other EEC countries to stem

the inflow of cheep clothing

imports from low-cost countri-

es -- chiefly the Far East.

This move may seem more ac-ceptable if one considers the balf million textile workers

now without jobs in Europe but it will not make life che-

eper for the U.K. shopper.

It seems very likely to put an end to the cheap shirts fr-

om abroad which at present

take up 70 per cent of the

market. Last year's shirt will cost a lot more this time ro-

The real problem about blo

gain from his efforts.

year ago. Mr. Silkin is aiming his fire

## Maritime, oil-producing nations plan to reduce oil pollution at sea

LONDON, Feb. 7 (R). - Officials from some 60 maritime and oil-producing nations began trying yesterday to work out compromise shipping regulations for reducing oil pollution at sea in the age of the supertanker. The major continual pollution problem is from tankers which each year dump more than 1.5 million tons of oil into the sea while discharging seawater ballast from sto-

rage tanks that previously held cargo.

The choice before the two-week conference is between a costly American proposal that all tankers over 20,000 tons he refitted with a separate ballast tank (SBT) and a British-favoured plan called crude oil washing (COW). "It is possible that we shall have a compromise by the end a conference official said. "But it still will take a few years before it goes into ef-

The meeting was organised by the United Nations Inter-governmental Maritime Consultation Organisation (IMCO), at the insistence of the United States, after a series of major accidents involving tankers off the U.S. coast.

The American SBT plan is supported by Norway, Sweden and Greece -- whose tanker fleets and shipyards have been hit by over-capacity, falling oil freight rates and a low level in world trade. It is also favoured by environmentalists, who believe the extra ballast tank would

be added protection in case of collision at sea or a tanker running aground.

Against them are ranged Britain and several other countries, daunted by the high cost of converting existing fleets. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has estimated the total conversion cost at more than \$4 billion. An IMCO official said the controversy applied only to whether existing super-tankers should be refitted. He said it was likely that future tankers would probably be built with the additional ballast tank. "Everyone is trying to get agreement which would be acceptable all round." he added. "Unilateral decisions on regulations will not work in the long run. A compromise seems certain."

promises well from the cons-

umer's point of view there are

also signs that the wholesale

trade will exercise a similar

moderation. The recovery in the pound has been a great be-nefit to the U.K. food manu-

facturing industry which rem-

ains a befty net importer. With North Sea oil providing st-

ronger support for the halan-

ce of payments, the pound sh-

ould stay strong this year and help the nation's food bills.

For beef, veal, butter, cer-

eals and most other common farm foods, U.K. food prices will hang upon the EEC ag-

ricultural prices negotiations, which should come to their conclusion by mid March. Th-

ere seems every chance that the U.K. delegation will again be instrumental in keeping

EEC farm support prices do-wn. Mr. John Silkin the U.K. Minister of Agriculture, has

already gained the support of Britain's Food Manufacturers'

Association for his stated po-

licy of a freeze on EEC prices.

One way to help both the U.K. farmer and the U.K. housewife

would be to devalue the 'gre-

en pound". Such a move now

Shopping prospects for British housewives this year indicate

more price cutting of food -- but fewer imports of cheaper clothing. So by this time next year Britons might find themselves better fed but worse dressed.

By Terry Byland of the Financial Times, London

LONDON (F.T.) -- The most

heartening news for the Bri-

tish housewife so far this ye-

ar has been the announcement

of peak pre-Christmas sales by Tesco, the supermarket fo-

chain. Tesco's success underlines the strength of the trend towards price cutting in the High Street food trade.

Tales of inflationary woe were rife throughout last year. But the most significant story may prova to have been

the readiness with which the

food manufacturers tackled price inflation. In this area,

they have reacted more swift-

ly and effectively than their opposite numbers in general

Ruthless competition at the retail level is almost certain

to continue this year. There

are already indications that those traders who stayed with

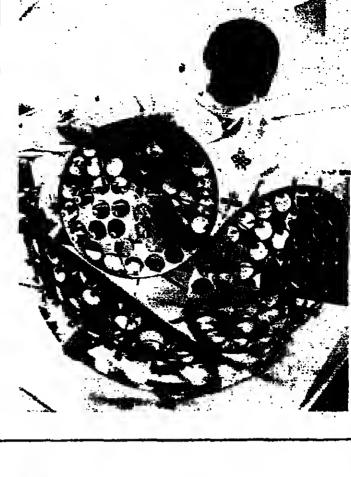
the expensive end of the market are feeling isolated and

Retail moderation

If the retail end of the trade

increasingly uncomfortable.

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At the Post Office Reserve Centre in Eastern Engine

# of convenience benefit rich, burden poor, says U.N. report

the richer countries while the poorer nations are carrying the burden by providing cheap cr-ews, a United Nations report said yesterday,

The report was submitted by the Secretariat of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to a 44-nation meeting considering the economic consequences of shipowners registering their vessels in foreign countries to avoid taxes and other regulati-

The report said the number of merchant ships sailing under flags of convenience bad risen from 15 per cent of world gross registered tonnage in 1965 to 28 per cent, totalling 7.210 vessels, in mid-1976.

Almost half of this tonnage was owned and controlled by interests in developed countries, but the ownership of the remaining half could easily be traded the document said. Annual gross freight revenues from these "open-registry" sh-ips were estimated at \$10 billion, it added.

Major reasons for shipowners increasingly using flags of con-venience were freedom from taxation of profits and incomes, unrestricted use of cash flow

cking low cost clothing imports is that the U.K. industry

no longer aims to produce for the full range. With a bealthy

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clothes and shoes. And, since

most of these countries now face inflation and wage dem-ands of their own, their prices

are likely to go up rather than

food and clothing budgets th-

is year are somewhat mixed.

Those with families to feed

should find the weekly shopping less of a financial strain.

But the U.K. may be a shab-bier place by this time next

-- Financial Times

**News-Features** 

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So, prospects for household

tion but to pay more.

GENEVA, Feb. 7 (R). — The growing use of flags of convenience by ships is benefitting and the possibility of using lower-paid crews the report said.

The existence of "open-region of the possibility of using lower-paid crews the report said. stry" countries gave shipowners in industrialised countries the means of obtaining cheap labour without having to share the benefits with the countries supplying the labour or pro-viding registration facilities, it

added. resources which "Thus ... would logically be directed to-wards the development of the national fleets of developing countries which can provide the necessary labour are in fact being diverted in such a manper that the industrialised countries are retaining the benefits of shipowning while the developing countries are to a large extent assuming the burden," the report said.

The report listed five "open registry" countries "which may clearly be said to lack a genuine link with the merchant fleet under their flags" -- Liberia, Panama, Singapore, Cyprus and Somalia -- and two more, Bermuda and Bahamas, which are almost in the same

## U.S. coal miners, employers reach tentative agreement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (R). --The longest coal strike in American history -- it goes into its 10th week today -- couldbe over next week following tentative agreement between miners and employers.

The agreement, announced here last night, will be put to the United Mine Workers' Bargaining for approval today. The 160,000 miners who we-

hold in a secret ballot, a process that usually takes about 10 days.

They will vote on an offer of \$2.35 over three years on their present average hourly wage of \$7.80. They had as-

nt on strike on Dec. 6 will then

ked for \$2.60. Labour Secretary Ray Marshall, praising the agreement, said the U.S. had been brought perilously close to widespread coal shortages in the Mi-

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## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed higher in active trading Tuesday as stock prices reacted to the recent downward trend, dealers said.

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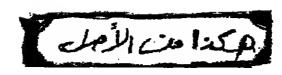
Leading industrials mostly closed a few pence higher and statement of the F.T. index was up 7.9 at 466.0.

Among the highest gainers were British Petroleum up 169 and and Shell up 11p. GEC and Thorn each rose 8p while Glazo and GKN firmed 7p apiece.

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Beecham, Unilever, Metal Box and Thorn each added 69, while ICI, BATS and Associated Cement each put on 5p. Fisons EMI and Tubes firmed between 2p and 4p. Leading banks rose between 2p and 6p, while imperial group firmed 1-1/2p after its results.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: A time when you can wisely e preoccupied with all of the little affairs of everyday life the save harmony in your life. Study right ways and means by the work done that will be able to more easily eliminate confusion.

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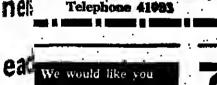
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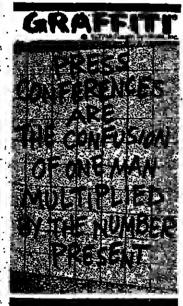
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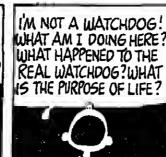




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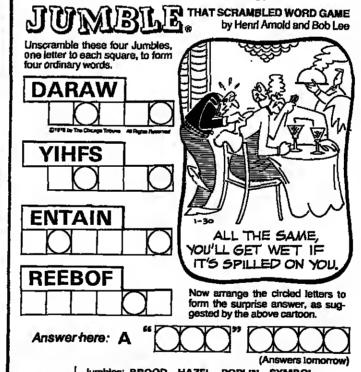
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## CORED BRIDGE

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Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♦983 ♥A72 ♦K863 ♣AQ5 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 🗸 Pass What do you old now? A.—While an opeoing hid oppo-site an opening bid would nor-mally produce game, your hand contains a flaw-the perfectly flat distribution. Since you have no ruffing value, you should deduct 1 point, reducing the worth of the hand to 12 points. Therefore, a raise to three hearts is quite adequate.

Q.2-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **♦AQ1092** ♥A ◊752 **♣AQ98** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East A Pass INT Pass 2 4 Pass 2 ♥ Pass

What action do you take? A.-Pass. Partner has shown a weak hand with a long heart suit and no preference for either of your suits. Game is out of the question, and you ers in your best spot.

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you bold: **4Q1072** ♥83 ♦6 **4KJ10952** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass 1 NT Dble. Pass

What action do you take? A .- Ooe no trump doubled may h.—Use no trump doubled may be headed for a heavy defeat if partner would oblige by leading a black suit. Unfortunately, your holding makes it obvious that partner will lead a red suit, and that might cost a trick as well as a tempo. Ws suggest a jump to three clubs. While this is not forcing, it suggests a game contract
—probably three no trump—if
partner has a fit for clubs.

Q.4-As Soutb, vulnerable, you hold:

**♦AK7652** ♥A85 ◊73 **♦**J8 The bidding has proceeded: North East South 3 Pass ?

What action do you take? A.—If partner is a reliable hidder, he should have a pretty good hand for a vulnerable preempt, so one more toward game is warranted. Your most likely game is in spades. We suggest you respond three spades. This is forcing, of course. If partner raises, which he should do with any three spades or doubleton honor, or simply returns to four diamonds, pass. You have done your duty.

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **♦K8** ♥**K92** ♦**AJ107 ♣Q1032** The bidding bas proceeded:

South West North East 1 ♦ Dble. Rdble. 1 ♥ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ Page 2NT Pass 34 Pass

Wbat do you bid now? A .- Avoid the trap of rebidding three no trump. You have already showo your heart stopper and partner has indicated that he is not the least bit interested in no trump. With good four-card support for part-ner's second suit, you should

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you hold: **♦K6 ♥KQ1082 ♦J1054 ♣93** The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass 1NT Pass 2 Pass 2 ♥ Pass ? What action do you take?

A .- Since partner has already shown a minimum opening hid. there is a teodency to pass at this point. However, the two heart bid has improved your hand considerably. The double fit io the red suits increases your trick taking potential, so you are worth one move toward game. Bid three hearts to advise partner that you are not averse to further action.

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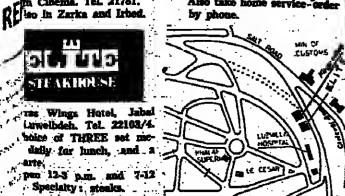
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# Suarez may decide to call early elections to revive popularity

MADRID, Feb. 7 (R). - Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez is considering holding Spain's second general elections in two years before the summer, immediately after the passage of a new constitution, sources in his party said today. The sources said Senor Suarez felt that the euphoria generated by the new constitution would benefit his Democratic Centre Union (UCD), a coalition of Christian Democrats, Liberals and Social Democrats.

The UCD won the country's first free elections in 41 years last June with a promise to lead Spain into full democracy from the Late Geo. Franco's dictatorship.

With economic problems and political violence eroding his popularity Premier Suarez is considered to have hetter chances of winning the elections this year than later.

The new coostitution is expected to he passed by parli-ament in May submitted to a national referendum immediately afterwards.

propeganda campaign last weekend to improve its image amid signs that the popularity of Senor Suarez is waning.

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## New photo of captive baron reportedly sent

PARIS, Feb. 7 (R). — A French newspaper said today the kidnappers of Belgian industrialist Baron Edouard-Jean Empaio have sent his family a photograph showing their captive lo-oking exhausted and with his left hand bloodied

Police, who have maintained a news hlackout since the millionaire was abducted to Paris on Jan. 23, declined to comment on the report in the newspaper France-Soir. The examining magistrate in charge of the case said he knew nothing of the photo.

According to France-Soir memhers of the Empain family found the picture in a left-luggage locker at a Paris railway

"His face unshaven, his features excessively drawn, his cheeks even more hollow, he seems at the limits of exhaustion and it shows his left hand totally bloodied," the paper

France-Solr reported 10 days ago that the Empain family the tip of the baron's little finger. It also said the kidnapoers sent an earlier photo as oroof that they were holding him ca-

According to unconfirmed reports the kidnanpers are demanding a ransom of un to 100 million francs (\$20 million). The haron's Empain-Schnei-

Possibly with the elections io mind, the UCD launched a

'The UCD is convinced as a party that it will continue govering for many years." Senor Suarez told a weekend rally in his hometown of Avila, near

groups which ohviously aspire to govern," he added. The UCD has already proposed that the present parlia-ment should continue until 1981 despite opposition demands that it should he dissolved immediately after the passage

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of the new constitution. But a victory in post-constitutional elections would be more satisfying hecause it would give Senor Suarez a vote of confidence which he badly needs.

Results of last years election gave the UCD 50 per cent of the votes, followed by the Socialists with 29 per ceot, the

Communists with nine and the rightwing Popular Alliance wi-By striking a deal with the Socialists, the Communists and other opposition parties, Senor Suarez has heen able to deal with the country's economic

and political problems. But it is a fragile arrangement. The Communists, bolsiered by triumphs of their Workers Commissions in recent trade union elections are already hecoming restless.

## Heyerdahl sets sail again from Karachi

KARACHI, Feb. 7 (R), -- Explorer Thor Heyerdahl set sail in his reed boat Tigris again today only two days after completing a perilous teo-week In-dian Ocean voyage in which the vessel was twice oearly scuppered by high seas and oil

Port officials said the Norwegian professor, famous for his 1947 Pacific voyage in the ding for Bombay.

Before leaving, Prof. Heyerdahl, 63, described his hazardo-us 2,000-mile voyage from southern Iraq, which aims to prove that the ancient Sumerians of Mesopotamia followed a similar route to become the first people to spread civilisation by way of the sea.

The most hazardous part of the journey, he said, was near Kuwait when rough seas damaged Tigris. He and his tenman multinational crew repal-red it in Bahrain with date palm leaves

Sailing into the Gulf of Oman through the Strait of Hormuz, barely 30 miles across in places, the craft was nearly capsized by giant oil tankers

The 18-metre boat, huilt from Reeds to a 5,000-year-old design, left southern Iraq on Nov. 23 and sailed down the Gulf to Muscat in Oman hefore entering the Indian Ocean.

Prof. Heyerdahl eventually plans to sail in the Pacific In an attempt to make landfall in South America.



Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Mohammad Zia ul-Haq (right) welcomes the Shah of Iran to Islamabad Airport on Sunday. Empress Farah is seen at centre, in front of accompanying Iranian officials. The Shah made a hrief stop-over in Pakistan en route from India to Tehran. (AP wirephoto)

## Direct-export Israeli orange turns up poisoned in London

LONDON, Feb. 7 (Agencies). - Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Squad was called in today to investigate the discovery of a mercury injected poisoned orange bought by a London housewife.

The orange was in a hag bought by Mrs. Christine Chapman last week at the Jewsh-owned Marks and Spencer department store in London's Edgeware Road.

She spotted "pinhead-size metal drops" when she cut open the orange and immediately notified police.

Poisoned o; anges have now heen found in five European countries in the past week, including Belgium, Holland, Sweden and West Germany.

A group claiming to be Pa-lestinian has claimed responsihility for contaminating the fruit - · mostly Jaffa oranges from Israel - and Israeli Pri-me Minister Menachem Begin has accused "terrorists" of tr-ying to undermine the Israeli

No one who has eaten a mercury orange has died, hut some have been violently ill. Police here warned that the mercury might have heen injected with a hypodermic syringe after the orange was on

the counter at shops. Westminster City Council, the local Loodon government authority which analysed the orange hought hy Mrs. Chapman, warned shoppers to cut

open all oranges before eating them and to look for droplets of silver grey.

A London spokesman for the Israeli Citrus Marketing Board, Roy Lewis, said: "There is no doubt the orange was poisoned in this country .. by whom or where we cannot yet speculate."

Previously it was thought that all Jaffa oranges imported to Britain were safe as thwere exported directly fr-

The Palestine Liberation Or-

ganisation office here today denied any connection with poisoned Israeli oranges.

A PLO spokesman here de-nied any knowledge of the Arah Revolutionary Army which had claimed responsibility for poisoning the fruit. The spokesman said: "This is all very mysterious and the PLO is completely against this way of fighting."

The PLO headquarters in Beirut has already denied the claim that Palestinians had poisoned Israeli oranges.

## Israel prohibits film on how its soldiers evicted Arab villagers

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7 (R). - Israeli Education and Culture Minister Zevelun Hammer last night banned the showing on television here of a film depicting the eviction of Arab villagers by Israeli soldiers in 1948. Israeli Critics had opposed the film since it "could serve as Palestinian propaganda against Israel." But the Israeli Film and Television Directors' Guild urged Mr. Hammer "not to become the first cahinet minister to undermine Israel's democracy." Argument about the film, based on a short story written soon after the 1948 war, has been raging In the press here and in public debate for several months.

# Blizzard paralyses U.S. northeast as 50 cms. of snow fall

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (Agencies) - A raging hlizzard paralysed the northeastern United States loday, stranding thousands of people as roads, airports and railway tracks became su-

Snow as deep as 50 cms. in places blocked cities from Baltimore to Boston, and winds of up to 64 kph whipped the snow into giant drifts and frustrated efforts to clear mo-

torways and airport runways. Snow, which started heavily yesterday, was expected to keep falling today in depths to 63 cms.

A thousand cars were reported hy police to be stranded on a major highway in suhurhan Long Island, east of New York City, and owners of snowmohiles were asked to help rescue drivers. Most were commuters who had gone to work yesterday before the hlizzard struck.

A Greek-registered tanker, the 22,944-ton Global Hope, reported it was leaking at the seams while at anchor off Salem. Massachusetts. A coast guard cutter headed for the stricken ship to help the 32man crew.

About 900 people were stranded on commuter trains in Long Island and a rescue train which went to get them was itself stuck in the snow.

Authorities in the northeast

cautioned people against driv-ing, and husiness activity was at a minimum throughout the

Yesterday, stock exchanges closed early and virtually all

schools closed.

The situation was the same elsewhere, from Virginia to Boston. Thirty-five cms. of snow blanketed Baltimore, paralysing the city.
In Philadelphia, businesses closed early for the day or did

not open at all.
On Cape Cod, near Boston, winds were recorded at 134 kph as the savage storm slow-ly moved northwards from the

North Carolina coast, where

It accumulated vast amounts of

moisture from the Atlantic. Much of Boston and its su-urbs were crippled today when a hlizzard knocked out electric power and buried the area under 50 cm. of snow, Some 75,000 customers Boston lost power when the storm short-circuited above ground transmission facilities owned by Boston Edison Company early this morning, officials said,

A spokesman for the com any said that it would take "a number of hours" to re-

## U.S. attempts to whitewash Turk atrocities, says Cypriot minister

NICOSIA, Feb. 7 (AP). - Cypriot Foreign Minister John Ch. ristofides has accused the United States of attempting to whitewash atrocities commit ted hy Turkey when it invaded Cyprus in 1974 and during the continuing occupation of the war-divided island.

The charges were made b a lengthy statement issued by Mr. Christofides late last il-

The statement said a White House report dealing with he man rights in Cyprus, subsitted to the U.S. Congress lat week, was blased.

"It is characterised by a evident attempt to exoneral Turkey from its heavy respon sibilities for the invasion the continuing occupation, and also for the atrocities while the Turkish army perpetrate and continues to perpetrate a Cyprus," Mr. Christoffdes des lared.

## World News Briefs...

## Canada recovers some 12 Cosmos pieces

EDMONTON, Canada, Feb. 7 (AP). — Debris from the Sovid Cosmos spy satellite has been located in at least a dozen spot in the wilds of northern Canada, but searchers have not determined whether the satellite's nuclear reactor survived the flery plant. unge into the earth's atmosphere, "It's too soon to say," Dr. Roger Eaton, a scientific adviser to Canada's Atomic Energy Control Board, told a news conference yesterday when asked if the pieces of metal collected so far provided any clues to the fate of the reactor's core of about 100 pounds of uranium 235. The search for the core, which would he lethally radioactive, began when the satellite re-entered the atmosphere on Jan. 24 and disintegrated in flames over Canada's Northwest Territories.

## U.S. B-52 bomber vandalised in Georgia

WARNER ROBINS, Georgia, Feb. 7 (AP). — The Strategic Air Command is concentrating on base personnel in its investigation into the vandalism of a 8-52 bomber at Robins Air Forct Bush. the U.S. air force said yesterday. Air force sources in Washing ton said the B-52 bomber, vandalised on Friday, is an "alert bomber" - which means was armed with short ranga missile and the said the sa nuclear weapons. Officials at the base said only minor damage was done to the plane's cockpit.

## Costa Rican opposition whos election

SAN JOSE, Feb. 7 (R). — Opposition leader Rodrigo Carazo to day claimed victory in Costa Rica's presidential elections after half the votes had been counted. With no indication of when the final results of Sunday's voting would be known, Senor Caran had won just over 50 per cent, compared with about 42 per cent for Senor Luis Alberto Monga representing the ruling National Liberation Parks. Liberation Party.

## Czech hijacker wants W. German asylum

FRANKFURT, Feh. 7 (R). — A 24-year-old engineer hijacked Czechoslovak airliner to Frankfurt yesterday and asked for political asylum, police sald Informed sources said four East Germany, police sald Informed sources said four East Germany Political asylum, police sald Informed sources said four East Germany. Police said the Czechoslovak hijacker, Vladizlav Molnar, 24, took over the plane with 40 passengers and five crew during a flight from East Berlin to Prague. East Berlin to Prague.

## Search for new Kuwaiti premier begins

KUWAIT, Feb. 7 (R). — The emir of Kuwait last night begin talks in find a new prime minister following the resignation his cahinet two weeks ago, it was officially announced here. So eikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah's consultations were expected to the consultations were expected to the consultations. last two days, when the premier-designate would be announce an official spokesman said. The new government team was ex-ected to be named at the weekend, the spoksman said.

### India frees 17 anti-Shah demonstrators NEW DELHI, Feb. 7 (R). — Seventeen Iranian students, and

ted during the Shah of Iran's visit here last week, have been freed on bail. Their release was ordered yesterday hy a Dell magistrate, who restored their bail bonds revoked last Saturda after the average of the restored their bail bonds revoked last Saturda after the average of the restored their bail bonds revoked last Saturda after the average of the restored their bail bonds revoked last Saturda after the average of the restored the restored their bail bonds revoked last Saturda after the average of the restored the restored their bail bonds revoked last saturda after the average of the restored their bail bonds revoked last saturda after the restored their bail bonds revoked last saturda and the restored their bail bonds revoked last saturda and the restored their bail bonds revoked last saturda and the restored the restored their bail bonds revoked last saturda and the restored the re after the prosecution alleged the Iranians had given falsa information about their identities. More than 100,000 Indian students two Delhi universities went on strike yeserday to back demain for the unconditional release of the 17 Iranians.

# Paraguay's Stroessner already knows he will retain presidency in this month's election

The South American state of Paraguay is about to hold a presidential election. Everybody knows already who is going to win -- Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, who has been in office for the past 24 years. Stroessner leads the Colorado Party and to get a good job in Paraguay you must belong to the party. Political prisoners languish in jail and there have been reports of kidnappings, torture, and political murder.

By Patrick Knight

ASUNCION — A presidential election is to take place in Paraguay in this month, hut not only does everybody know who is going to win, they also know by exactly how much. Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, in the saddle for 24 years, will gain 85 per cent of the vot-es, while two weak and almost unknown opposition candidates will get 10 per cent and 5 per cent esch.

President Stroessner leads

the Colorado Party. To get a job as a government official, to be a junior or secondary teacher, to hold legal office, or become an army officer, you have to join too. This is one reason why Stro-

essner is so sure of winning. The other is that serious op-ponents have been systematically expelled from Paraguay over the years. There are 3.5 million Paraguayans, but a million live abroad, mostly in

Argentina. As a further reminder that it does not pay to oppose Stroessner, 220 political prisoners are held here, 200 of them since last April, when there was a round up of young people accused of having links with guerrillas in Argentina,

as well as peasants who, with the backing of the church, were trying to organise cooperatives. This was seen as a major threat to the hold on power exercised by the mid-dle men, key agents in the Co-

lorado Party.

Besides the prisoners taken last year, a dozen have langui-shed in jail for between 15-20 years. An army captain has been held in a cell measuring one metre hy two for 15 years and his health is now de-

teriorating.
Another is a peasant considered to he innocent of any offence. He is heing held to intimidate those working on behalf of human rights in Paraguay. For although four long-serving Communists were released from jail as a concession to the Carter human rights campaign early last year, little else has changed politic-

ally in Paraguay.

The opposition Liberal Party did manage to overcome its differences and form a union at the heginning of 1977. It looked for a while as if Stroessner might for the first time he given a run for his money. But following hribes, inflitration and threats, the Liberals have now disintegrated into six factions and the Electoral Board has given only

the two weakest and most corrupt groups permission to put up presidential candidates. The more honest and popular op-position leaders will not be allowed to participate.

They are now urging their supporters to cast blank votes. but as Stroessner's men count all the votes, this will make little difference to the

Despite a dead hand on po-litics, the economy is begin-ning to move in Paraguay. So-

aring world prices for soya be-

on grown in Paraguay have encouraged landowners, many of them recent migrants from Brazil and Japan, as well as a large Mennonite community, to cultivate large areas of new lands.

The dollars earned from agricultural exports, boosted Paraguay's Income in 1977 and it may cease to be almost the poorest country in Latin America. So far there is little sign of the new wealth being distributed. Most of it is be-



ing spent on luxury goods for the few or no property spec-ulation. Rents tripled in Asuncion last year.

One husiness carries on exactly as hefore, smuggling. Paraguay imports \$12 million worth of whisky a year, which means almost ten million bottles at duty free prices. It also buys \$5 million worth of cigarettes from the U.S. as well as French wines and champ-

All these luxury goods are then "distributed" to neighbo-uring Latin American countries, and eventually sold at five or six times the duty free price, hringing an immense income to the army officers, gov-ernment ministers and others whose huge fortunes come fr-

om contraband. The Asuncion streets are often blocked with hooting Mercedes, Volvos and Peugeots. There is even the odd Rol-ls Royce Silver Shadow. In the countryside the hullock cart is still the main means

of transport. of transport.

But although Paraguay remains in many ways the same as it was 50 years ago other factors apart from agriculture are pressing for change.

Work is now well under way on huilding what will be the world's higgest hydro-electric power station injutiv with

tric power station jointly with Brazil on the River Parana ca-lled Itaipu. This will eventually produce 12,000 megawatts, more than half all the electricity generated in Brazil at the moment.

Paraguay is not having to pay out for its construction, although it will be part owner when it is completed in the late 1980s. Its share of the

debt will be paid off hy the sale to Brazil of its half of the power geoerated, although il will be half-a-century hefore money actually starts to flow into the Paraguayan ex-

In the meantime, the only real henefits are tha wages for the 20,000 Paraguayan workers helping in construct-ion, also contributing to inflation in the country.

But Itaipu, a slightly smaller dam heing hullt on the sa-me hasis with Argentina dow-nstream and the possibility of yet a third, will hring real change to Paraguay. It is almost certain that this year's election will be the last

where there is only one can-didate, and where there is only a clever pretence at democracy, achieved by paying members of parliament large salar-ies, and a series of perks, so as to persuade some so-called opposition memhers to participate in the charade.

The real opposition feels th-

at time is running out for Stroessner. The world can no longer tolerate the existence of a country whose wealth is left idle, and whose inhabitants are deliberately kept in virtual misery, so that the ruling clique can bask in wealth, unconcerned about the fate of their fellows.

Stroessner has survived hy virtually erasing Paraguay fr-om the map. But the world is shrinking fast, and the country cannot be left fallow, peopled only by illiterate peas-ants and Indians who do not even speak or understand Spanish, just for the benefit of a handful of whisky smug-

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